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**Cc:** Russo, Rebecca[Russo.Rebecca@epa.gov]; Tyler, Patti[Tyler.Patti@epa.gov]  
**From:** Kluesner, Dave  
**Sent:** Tue 8/18/2015 7:31:03 PM  
**Subject:** Re: Gold King Mine Site Visit and Briefing

My apologies. Chris and I have been in a two hour long meeting with County Commissioners and County Administrator. Very productive and important meeting of the minds with La Plata County.

Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 18, 2015, at 12:25 PM, Grantham, Nancy <[Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov](mailto:Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov)> wrote:

David k and I will regroup on this shortly and let everyone know -- we will contact Brandon -- the ng

Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 18, 2015, at 11:41 AM, Russo, Rebecca <[Russo.Rebecca@epa.gov](mailto:Russo.Rebecca@epa.gov)> wrote:

His boss is calling too. We need to get them a final answer today.

They are flying into Durango tonight and will be meeting with the Tribes either way. If there is any way we can at least accommodate a briefing, if not a tour, I think it would behoove us.

I believe they are available between 11am and 2pm.

Thanks.

Rebecca A. Russo

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**From:** Levine, Carolyn  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 18, 2015 11:08 AM  
**To:** Grantham, Nancy; Kluesner, Dave  
**Cc:** Russo, Rebecca  
**Subject:** FW: Gold King Mine Site Visit and Briefing  
**Importance:** High

Nancy/Dave-

FYI, Brandon from Indian Affairs Committee/Sen. Barrasso sent Nichole and I 2 emails that went to our spam folders. I left him a vm earlier to try to determine what they are looking for. I don't want to duplicate what you may have in motion on this so wanted to keep you updated.

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**From:** Ashley, Brandon (Indian Affairs) [[mailto:Brandon\\_Ashley@indian.senate.gov](mailto:Brandon_Ashley@indian.senate.gov)]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 18, 2015 11:46 AM  
**To:** Distefano, Nichole; Levine, Carolyn  
**Cc:** John, Natasha (Indian Affairs)  
**Subject:** RE: Gold King Mine Site Visit and Briefing  
**Importance:** High

Hello. I am following up to my request I submitted yesterday. Could someone from your office please give me or Natasha John a call to discuss?

Many thanks in advance. Direct: 202-228-3087; Main: 202-224-2251

Sincerely,

Brandon Ashley

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**From:** Ashley, Brandon (Indian Affairs)

**Sent:** Monday, August 17, 2015 1:05 PM

**To:** '[distefano.nichole@epa.gov](mailto:distefano.nichole@epa.gov)' <[distefano.nichole@epa.gov](mailto:distefano.nichole@epa.gov)>; '[levine.carolyn@epa.gov](mailto:levine.carolyn@epa.gov)' <[levine.carolyn@epa.gov](mailto:levine.carolyn@epa.gov)>

**Subject:** Gold King Mine Site Visit and Briefing

Hello – and good afternoon.

I apologize for the short notice, but staff from our office will be flying to Colorado and would like a briefing from EPA officials and a site visit of the Gold King Mine on the morning of Thursday, August 20.

We appreciate anything your office can do in assisting us with this request. Please don't hesitate to reach me on my direct line at (202) 228-3087.

Sincerely,

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